

## **SAINT ANTHONY PARK LIBRARY**

2245 Como Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55108

### **At a Glance: 2006**

Built-Remodeled	1917-1988-1999
Square Ft	10,590
Hours/week*	63
Days/open/week	Seven
Materials Budget	\$95,090
Collection Size	55,354
Books:	
Adult	18,555
Juvenile	27,719
Total Circulation	271,556
Adult	127,998 (47%)
Juvenile	143,558 (53%)
Circulation/FTE	36,697
Total Information	18,122
Information/Ref FTE	4,119
In-House Materials Use	105,118
FTEs Public Service*	7.4
Gate Count	156,735

Computer Workstations (Public) 16: Internet workstations: 6; Word processors: 2; Catalog workstations: 6; Children's workstations: 2

Lounge chairs: 3; Study tables: 7 with 18 chairs; Study carrels: 0

\*Information on hours and staff reflect system-wide changes implemented in November 2006

### **SERVICE PROFILE:**

The Saint Anthony Park Branch Library is considered an icon of this picturesque neighborhood tucked away in northwestern Saint Paul. This 1917 Carnegie library was remodeled in 1985 and again in 1999. A park-like lawn with many benches invites patrons to linger with a book. The most recent renovation includes a children's rotunda reading room. This inviting space, combined with a juvenile collection that is well funded through a private grant, make us a "destination library" for young families, teachers, and class visits. Both St. Anthony Park Elementary and Murray Junior High schools are within three blocks. Circulation has tripled since the expansion, with nearly one third of our patrons coming from Minneapolis and suburban Ramsey County and another 25% from zip codes outside our area. The University of Minnesota St. Paul campus, University student housing and Luther Seminary are within a 10 minute walk. The Ramsey County Library's Roseville branch, retired U of M faculty housing, and the Minnesota International Institute are within a 5-minute drive.

Many university faculty and staff reside in the immediate neighborhood. Students and recent

graduates fill much of the rental property, with affordable housing expanding along University Avenue near Highway 280. The library has an active Library Association which has served the community since 1934. The annual Arts Festival, held the first Saturday in June, is their major fundraiser. Racial diversity is increasing with new residents arriving from Somalia, Asia, Eastern Europe, and Mexico. The neighborhood remains predominately white (81%). The major nationalities represented by residents residing at Luther Seminary and U of M married student housing are Chinese, Korean, Japanese, and African. The library's world language collection features materials in these languages. This is a neighborhood with a strong identity. Residents are actively involved politically, supporting their beliefs through words, actions, and funding.